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the support mechanism, in a position that is substantially the same position in which it was placed by the elevator, while the elevator returns to the first position.

35. (Amended) A method for packaging goods in an open-bottomed container, wherein the open-bottomed container is an open-bottomed cardboard box with four upper flaps, comprising:

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- (a) unfolding the open-bottomed cardboard box;
 - (b) holding the unfolded open-bottomed cardboard box above an elevator lift apparatus;
 - (c) activating the elevator lift apparatus to raise an at least one good into the open-bottomed cardboard box;
 - (d) after retracting the elevator lift apparatus, holding the at least one good supported inside the box by a support mechanism in a position that is substantially the same position where the at least one good was placed by the elevator lift apparatus; and
 - (e) folding the four upper flaps of the open-bottomed cardboard box.

36. (Amended) The method of claim 35, further comprising providing multiple open-bottomed containers by a flat folded cardboard open-bottomed container dispensing apparatus.

RESTRICTION

The present application was initially restricted into three groups:

I. Claims 1-9 and 35-36, drawn to a method and apparatus for packaging goods in a box comprising a box erector and elevator lift.

II. Claims 10-24, drawn to a method and apparatus for packaging goods in an open-bottomed container comprising an elevator lift.

III. Claim 37, drawn to a method for delivering goods.